

The Christmas Times



Happy Christmas!

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Music of the Christmas season will be performed tonight at 7:30 in the middle school auditorium by the bands and the choir.

Mr. Dyer will direct the Christmas choir made up of volunteers from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade who have been practicing for several weeks after school. A special disco dance number with a Christmas theme will be performed by the 3rd hour 8th grade music class.

Mr. Suhusky will lead the 7th and 8th grade bands through their Christmas music.

Both bands and choir will perform together a special arrangement of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Dance a Success

The first dance of the year was held on November 30 from 7:00 -10:00 in the middle school gym. According to Mr. Pefley, 290 people attended.

Refreshments at the dance included Snickers, Whatchamacallits, Mountain Dew and Pepsi. A door prize of Donna Sommers' album, Bad Girls, was given away.

Mr. Drury congratulated the student body on its good behavior. We hope to have another dance soon.

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Wrestling Team Practices! see p. 5 for names



CANDY CANES SELL WELL

Student council delegates and alternates wound up a campaign to sell candy canes last week.

The campaign was an effort to raise money to help offset the cost of the yearbook for 1980.

Last week also marked the end of the campaign to sell yearbooks. The book was for sale for \$6.00, a cost which includes a increased price, a result of inflation, and some extras that will be added this year.

Paula Winner of Contest

Paula Jones won the yearbook cover design contest this year. Her selection was announced by Mrs. Matson last week. Look for Paula's design in May on the cover of your book!

Ms. Lundquist becomes Mrs. Matson. Over Thanksgiving vacation, Ms. Lundquist was married. Congratulations, Mrs. Matson.

DELEGATES & ALTERNATES

Student council delegates for 1979-80 school year are Angie Pollack, Sean McAndrew, Laura Howe, Jill Forrest, Joe Kruizenga, Brandie Dunn, Michelle Dokey, Rob Knight, Shelley Blacksten, Kim Langedyk, Dan Stamp, Paul Keenan, Pat Brennan, John Pugsley, Don Boven, Alan Richmond, Lisa Schincariol, and Julie Kondor.

Alternates are Laura Moore, Crystal Oliver, Mike Burk, Alan McNeil, Jeff Van'DenBos, Jennifer Triquet, Amy Lossie, Robin Haas, Gina Rigozzi, Erik Hindenach, Julie Kemp, Pam Ritsema, Jami Bowman, Lynn Stull, Beth Surdy, Adam Serbenski, Stacey Crane, Darrlee Sykes, and Suzanne Kowalski.

Only five more shopping days til Christmas... are you ready yet?

If someone were to ask you what Christmas means, what would you say?

UNREST ROOMS

Have you stopped to take a look at the restrooms lately? If so, you must have noticed the graffiti on the walls. Why must everyone write on the bathroom walls? All the news is either outdated, or it's disgusting. Anyways it really ought to stop.

Then, how about the privacy of the restroom stalls? The girls would like to see locks on the bathroom doors while the boys would probably appreciate doors period. Perhaps the student council might do something about the situation. After all, they are our bathrooms and we're worthy of the best.

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FREE CHOICES

Should students in middle school be allowed to choose their own classes? The answers vary depending upon the grade level. 6th graders should not be able to choose classes because they are new and don't know yet what the classes are. 7th graders should be able to pick at least one of their own classes since by 7th grade they do have some idea about the classes. 8th graders should be able to pick all of their classes because they know all about the classes and it would be a chance to taste how high school works.

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Letters...

Dear Editor:

In the bathrooms so many people write on the walls. Why don't the janitors cover the walls with paper or do something about it? It makes a bad impression on new people.

disgusted

Christmas

Christmas is a time of wonder,
A time to think, a time to blunder,
A time to dance, a time to prance,
A time to give and a time to take-
A time never to forget.

Santa Letter

Santa, come down from the north
And give me my Christmas present.
There are cookies on the table,
And milk in the fridge,
Leave my toy on the table!

DEAR SAMANTHA,

Dear Samantha,

I've got a problem. I like a guy I went with last year, but there is a nother guy who really likes me a lot. If I went with him, it'd be because I don't want to hurt his feelings. What should I do?
don't know

Dear Don't,

I think you in particular have solved your problem. For those of you with similar problems, a little hurt now is better than a lot later. If the guy is worth it, he'll understand.

Dear Sam,

I am popular but not for my looks more for the friends I hang around with. My problem is I want a boyfriend. There is one boy in particular I like who is cute, popular, and sensitive. How do I get him to notice me?

Drowning in troubled waters

Dear Drowning,

He sounds like a boy who would be worth your while. If I knew how to get a boy friend, I would have one. What seems to work to get his attention is become friends first. Then get to know him better. The friends you hang around with shouldn't matter to this guy. You are the one he should care about. If he really likes you your looks shouldn't matter.

By the way, if you get to be friends you may find that that friendship is better anyhow.

Dear Sam,

My problem is how to get myself to study. I'm doing above average in my classes but am slowly but surely falling behind. I have homework, I take it home but I never do it. I wait til that class and write anything down... and get a bad grade.

me

Dear me,

I have had that problem, and sometimes still do; I found that if I did my work right away when I got home I got more done. Another thing to do is take your homework to other classes so when you have extra time you can do it. You won't hate it less but it'll get done.

MORE SAM...

Dear Sam,

Help! What do I do with a locker mate who piles her books and her folders on my books and my folders on my shelf? It is driving me up a wall. Please don't tell me to talk to her. I've tried.

Suffocating under her
books

Dear Suff,

This is a problem I haven't had but to share locker isn't easy. Excuse me for saying this, but do try again to talk to her. If she is still stubborn, then I think you should see Mr. Pefley or Mr. Drury about having something done.

Dear Sam,

I likes this boy and my frieend started liking him too. Then I got made and started liking abother person. The gilr who took my other boyfriend away from me likes the guy I like now. What should I do?

helpless

Dear Less,

This friend of yours doesn't sound like much af a one. I wish there was some sure answer but there isn't. You could try talking to her. I think the best thing though would be to ignore it for a while. If the guy likes you, he likes you and that is all there is to it. If you do talk to her be honest.

Thanks for all the letters. Hope to continue to hear from you all in 1980. Leave them in Mrs. Swanson's mailbox, or bring to room 103.

band selections tonight

The 7th and 8th grade band's selection of songs for tonight's concert are given here. 8th grade band will play "Trumpet Voluntary," "Christmas Variations," "Tinsel and Holly," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

The 7th grade band will play "Air and Alléluia," "American Patrol," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." "We Wish you a Merry Christmas", "Sweet Sounds of Christmas", and "Christmas Chimes."

SANTA SPEAKS

Hi. My name is Santa Claus. (similar to the clause in English grammar, rather than like animal paws.) My real name is Ritzy Bobberdinkle. I think you can see for yourself why I changed my name.

I'm about 2000 years old. My job is to make little kids happy, deserve it or not.

The thing that makes me most disgusted is people who lock their attic doors so I have to climb through a window. Right now I'm working on a new way to get into houses while avoiding burglar alarms.

I wear a size 56 X-large suit. Just mentioning it since it's about time I got something for Christmas!

Well, this is Santa signing off... See you next year and Christmas Eve.

RUDOLPH WHO?

Rudolph the black-nosed reindeer
Had a very ugly nose,
And if you ever saw it,
You would even say it's gross.

All of the other reindeer always
laughed and called him names.

They told the other reindeer
Never to look at his face.

Then one foggy rainy day Santa came
to plead,

Rudolph with your ugly nose,
Please go jump right in a hole.

Then all the reindeer left him,
As they shouted out aloud,

Rudolph the black nosed reindeer,
Please be sure to get out now!

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(with apologies to the author of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer!")

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We meet Wednesdays at 2:30 in room 103. Join us.

Word scramble from p. 5 answers
1. Christmas 2. reindeer 3. snowman
4. carols 5. presents 6. mistletoe
7. stocking 8. Christmas Eve 9. wreath
10. Noel 11. holly 12. chimes
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M. S. SPORTS

Interest in sports abounds at the middle school according to Middle School Athletic Director, Mr. Erickson. He has just released the numbers of basketball players and wrestlers involved in these sports this season.

The wrestling team carries eighteen members.

The 8th grade basketball team has twenty-six members.

The 7th grade basketball team has thirty-nine members.

This is the best response to interscholastic sports ever at the middle school.

Teams got into action on November 12 as the wrestlers traveled to Delton. They have already taken part in an invitational at Gull Lake.

The basketball team will open its season against North Christian tomorrow, December 20th.

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Santa in the 25th Century

'It was Christmas Eve in the 25th century and Santa was loading his space ship full of toys for all the creatures in the universe. First he stopped at Mars where all kinds of little green and purple characters ran up to his spaceship.

Santa's elves unloaded all the presents for them. The Santa took off for Jupiter. Just when he got near the city limits of Jupiter's capital, bam! A missile hit the back of his ship.

"What's this?" he cried. "Don't they know who I am?"

As Santa was falling through space he saw a red light. When the red light came closer he saw that it was good old Rudolph. He tied a rope around Santa's ship and began towing it, along with Santa, to the moon. "

When he got there, he unloaded all of the toys for the purple people. Then Rudolph took off.

About half way home, Rudolph and Santa got tired and began to drift in space. When all of a sudden there arose such a clatter, Santa and Rudolph woke up to see what was the matter.

It was Buck Rogers and Willma zooming around them. They towed them back home to the NORTH POLE. Santa gave Buck a new space ship for Christmas and gave Rudolph a new red bulb for his nose.

(his had grown dim.) And now you know the tale of Santa Claus in the 25th century.

CHRISTMAS^{WISHES}

The roving reporters this week wanted to know what you, our readers, would like for Christmas and why?

Here are your answers.

David Burgett said "I would like to have a punching bag and a speed bag because I've wanted them for a long time." Leshun Terry would like " Jimmy McNichol for Christmas because I like him very much."

Tinnie Terry said "I want a stereo with records because I like to listen to music." Wally Dietz would like "to know a lot of pretty girls..." Mike McQuire's ideas were running along the same line as Wally's.

Angela Pollack said "I would like a pair of tennis shoe roller skates so I can take them to Florida with me." Jill Forrest would "like a potter's wheel because I'd like to learn how to make pottery."

Mr. Erickson would "like real peace on earth so the people can be happy and grow to their fullest potential,"

Lynn Crandall would like "a toy shop full of stuffed animals." Kara Lucas would "like a trip to Fantasy Island." Kelle Maxwell wants a new tennis racket. Eric Wing "would like a stereo and Michelle Dokey," while Michelle likes " Eric Wing." Sonja Reister feels "that anything she wants she'll get."

Tina Mortimore wants "a puppy because she loves puppies." Rich Baughman "wants a 20-gauge gun for hunting." Mr. Kannegieter wants a "happy Christmas." Bonnie Ray wants "a music box."

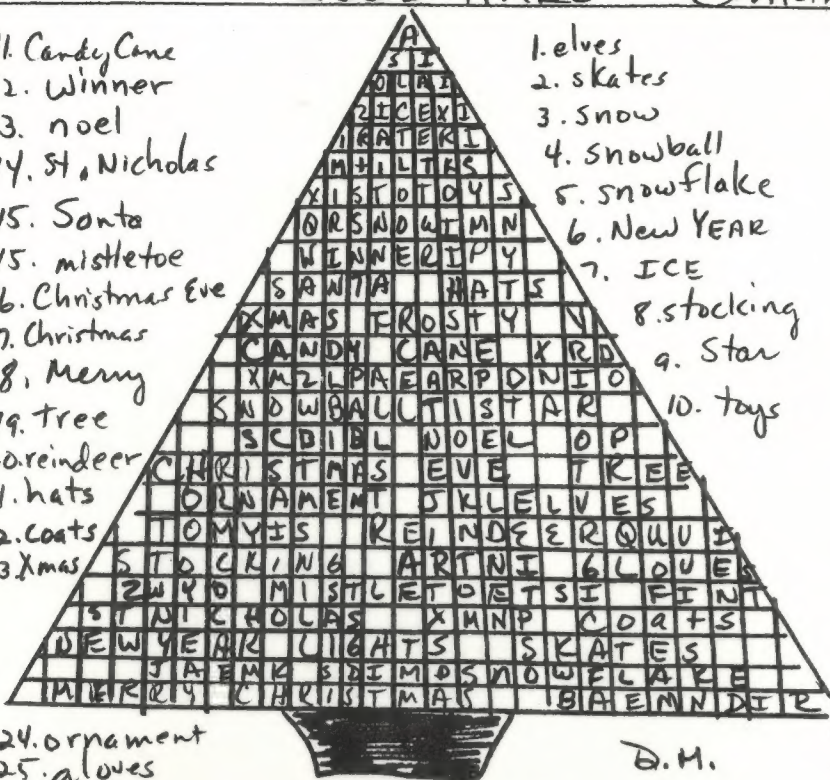
Jennifer Triquet wants a "lamb" because she says "I love sheep and after a while they become your companion." Ken Holland wants "a Chevy with 4-wheel drive; he'd like to drive it."

Gary Jacobs wants to give "Audrey Hudson anything she asks for." Tim Hall would continue to like "Julie Kondor at Christmas." Paul Higashi would like "to receive a snow mobile" and "would like to give Kara Lucas anything she asked for."

Laurie Dietz wants "a car and would give my grandpa plenty of TLC."

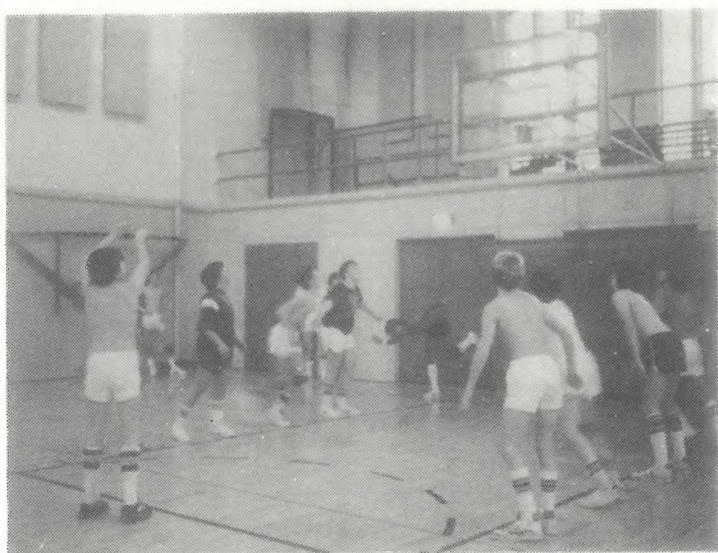
11. Candy Cane
12. Winner
13. Noel
14. St. Nicholas
15. Santa
15. mistletoe
16. Christmas Eve
17. Christmas
18. Merry
19. tree
20. reindeer
21. hats
22. coats
23. Xmas
24. ornament
25. gloves

1. elves
2. skates
3. snow
4. snowball
5. snowflake
6. New Year
7. ICE
8. stocking
9. Star
10. toys



Find The Words.

BASKET BALL PRACTICES



more wishes

Mark Serbsnki said something having to do with a set of numbers he'd like for Christmas...hmmm.

Lisa Schincariol would like a "Ferrari and would give my parents a late anniversary present."

Janet Barnhart would like to receive a horse. (Black Beauty perhaps?)

Kim McDowell would like to grow another foot. (What is this?)

That's the last for this year.
Merry Christmas.

UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS... all are related to Christmas.

1. tshimscar _____
2. nrediere _____
3. nsoawnm _____
4. slrcoa _____
5. spnretes _____
6. slometie _____
7. nosgciskt _____
8. csimtahr vee _____
9. twareh _____
10. enlo _____
11. yhlol _____
12. imhecs _____

see page 2 for answers

The wrestling team pictured on page 1 includes the following people: Gary Jacobs, Russ Haywood, Dan Smith, Biff Gyarmathy, Rich Conway, Alan Richmond, Lonny Wheatley, Tim South, Dan Kondor, Dan Sutherland, David Felhiemer, Ron Rogers, Phil Holcomb, Wally Dietz, David Nondorf, Keith Henson, Brett Ogden, Larry Kinter, Keith Henson, Jim Thomas and Dale Daggitt.